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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)		
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	EARLIEST PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/JP04/000642	January 26, 2004	January 24, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION		
ALUMINUM MATERIAL HAVING AIN REGION ON THE SURFACE THEREOF AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US		
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information by **Express Mail**:

- ☒ 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 37 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- ☒ 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☒ 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
- ☐ a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- ☒ b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
- ☐ c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☒ 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).

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- ☒ 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
- ☐ a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- ☐ b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
- ☐ c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
- ☒ d. have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- ☐ 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- ☐ 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- ☒ 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
- ☐ 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☐ 13. A preliminary amendment.
- ☐ 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76..
- ☐ 15. A substitute specification.
- ☐ 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ☐ 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13^{ter}.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 – 1.825.
- ☐ 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ 20. Other items or information:

The following fees are submitted:.				CALCULATIONS	
21. <u> X </u> a) Basic national fee \$300.00				\$300.00	
22. <u> X </u> b) Examination fee If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$0.00 All other situations \$200.00				\$200.00	
23. <u> X </u> c) Search fee If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$0.00 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$100.00 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB \$400.00 All other situations \$500.00				\$400.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				900.00	
_____ Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				\$0	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$0	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	- 20 =		x \$50.00	\$0	
Independent claims	- 3 =		x \$200.00	\$0	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$0	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$900.00	
_____ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$0	
SUBTOTAL =				\$900.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$0	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$900.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.				\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$900.00	
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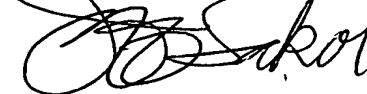
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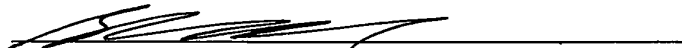
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